An Exact

ACCOUNT

OF THE

Raiſing the Siege

OF

London-Derry:

And the Deplorable Condition the Town was in, till happily Reliev'd by Major-General *KIRK*.

10. Aug. 1689.

Licenſed, *Auguſt* 9. 1689. *J. F.*

A Gentleman, who left *London-Derry* on Sunday the Fourth Inſtant, arrived in *London* on Thurſday the Eighth Inſtant, brings this Account, *Viz.*

That the *Iriſh* Army ſeeing that *London-Derry* was Relieved, and that they were not able to hinder Succours going in, being in dread of the *Engliſh* Army arriving, King *James*, by Advice of his Council, thought fit to Command the Forces from before the place, to make what Strength he can to reſiſt them, believing himſelf not ſafe without a great Army to protect him; which Forces, as they retired, cauſed the Fort of *Kulmore* to be blown up, and the Gunner to be hanged, becauſe he did not prevent the Ships going up to the Town of *Derry*, and the Red and Green Caſtles upon the River to be demoliſhed; and likewiſe burnt the Towns of *Carrick-Fergus*, *Colraine*, *Belfaſt*, *Ralpho*, *Strabane*, *Donegall*, and *Antrim*, with the whole Countries adjacent, even the very Graſs and Corn, driving all the Cattel before them; The Garriſon Sallied out upon the Rere, and cut off ſeveral Straglers, taking their Baggage; and had they had ſome Horſe, they would have given a very good Account of the *Iriſh* Forces.

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The Noble Col. *Walker* having received the ſeaſonable Relief, ſent to Major-General *Kirk* to Complement him, giving him great Thanks, for that they had endured the utmoſt Extremity, as having eaten all that was eatable; and at laſt their Allowance was half a pound of Tallow fryed with a piece of Hide, and a pint of Meal a Day, there being ſome hundreds that had periſhed for want of Food, and the Garriſon reduced to 4000 Fighting Men, who invited Major-General *Kirk* to Land, and Encamp themſelves on the place where the *Iriſh* Camp was. The Men in the *Swallow*'s Long-Boat cut the wooden part of the Boom, and the Ship broke the Iron part thereof, but the Wind ſlacking, were forced to tow her up, Captain *Browning* behaving himſelf wonderful well; but there beeing four Pieces of Cannon, and 2000 Small-ſhot plyed them hard upon the Shoar, unfortunately the Commander and ſeven Men more were killed. The Major-General now deſires ſome Horſe and Dragoons, that he may take the Field, and when he is joyned with the *Enniskilling* and *Ballyſhannon* Forces, he will be not only able to ſecure that part of the Country, but even to come up to *Dublin* Walls.

The *Enniskilling* Forces have done Wonders, having not only beat all the *Iriſh* Forces, when-ever ſent againſt them, but preſerved the Country entire for ſeveral Miles, and by that means hath protected ſeveral Thouſands of the *Engliſh* Proteſtants, which otherwiſe muſt have certainly periſhed.

We have likewiſe Advice from *Dublin*, That one *Thompſon*, a Ship-Carpenter of *Liverpool*, bought a Wherry, and pretended to go try her at Sea, went over to *Dublin* on the firſt of *Auguſt*, and gave King *James* an Account of a great Army coming out of *England*: To which the King replyed, That he always believed it, though he was perſwaded by his Council to the contrary.

We likewiſe hear, that ſeveral of their Officers have laid down their Commiſſions; and particularly Sir *Gregory Burne*, Sir *Luke Dowdall*, and Mr. *Warren* of *Cardaffe*, being Captains of the Royal Regiment, in hopes to ſave their Eſtates; and many more of them would do the like, there having been a whole Regiment mutinied, laid down their Arms, ſaying, they would not fight againſt the *Engliſh*, as having never lived ſo well, as under the *Engliſh* Government, and that now the Proverb was fulfilled, *That the* Iriſh *ſhould weep over the* Engliſh-*men's Graves*. God grant we may live in Unity, and enjoy one another in the Bond of Peace.

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